[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

Engineer and improvements to and metalling of the worst portions of the road in miles 8 to 16 are being carried out.

Receipts under Opium and Ganja in the Shertallai Taluk.

273. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the revenue under opium and ganja realised by them from the Shertallai taluk at the time when auction was held for 1104;

(*b*) the revenue under this head derived by them from the auction held for 1105; and

(*c*) the bid amounts for 1104 and 1105 in respect of the opium and ganja shop opened at Muttattangadi in the Shertallai town?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The rentals for the opium and ganja shops in the taluk for 1104 and 1105 come to Rs. 9,065 and Rs. 17,100, respectively.

(*c*) Rs. 3,215 and Rs. 5,000, respectively.

Excise Divisions under the Assistant Excise Commissioners.

274. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Divisions under the Assistant Excise Commissioners in the State;

(*b*) whether the Excise Commissioner has recommended to them that any of these Divisions be abolished;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of the Divisions recommended to be abolished;

(*d*) whether they have taken any action in the matter; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the action they have taken?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 11.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Kayankulam and the Salt Factory Divisions.

(*d*) and (*e*) The proposal is under consideration.

Particulars re liquor, opium and ganja shops in the State.

275. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of toddy shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104;

(*b*) the number of arrack shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104; and

(*c*) the number of opium and ganja shops in the State in 1102, 1103 and 1104?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

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